

This afternoon, I voted for the third time to support extending the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Our bill made some modest changes from the bill we passed last month -- 1) a focus on lower income children, 2) action to ensure we are covering kids without insurance rather than replacing kids who already have insurance with government coverage and 3) protections to make sure we are paying for American kids. This bill passed by a bipartisan vote of 265 (including 42 Republicans and me) to 142. Let's hope this is the bill that becomes law.